

REMARKS

Claims 9-18 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 9, 10, and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,531,232 to Sakurai ("Sakurai"). Applicants have amended claims 9 and 15 to recite that the base includes only one hollow area. Thus, as now recited, the base of claims 9 and 15 includes a single structure that both supports the antenna and includes the tuner in its single hollow area. The Examiner regards the entire reception section 20 of Sakurai as meeting the recited base, but that stance is no longer tenable, given that the claims have been amended to recite a base provided with only a single hollow area, because reception section 20 includes multiple hollow areas for radio receiver 12 and the reel 25/gear 26 assembly. Thus, because reception section 20 includes more than one hollow area, it does not meet the recited base. Moreover, if the Examiner believes that the rejection may nevertheless be maintained by focusing only on metal casing 31, which is part of reception section 20 and includes a single hollow area for enclosing radio receiver 12, such a stance would be incorrect because metal casing 31 does not function in reception section 20 as a "base" for antenna 11. Metal casing 31 is joined to and supported by housing 29 of reception section 20, but it cannot serve as a base for antenna 11 because it itself does not support antenna 11 in any way. Instead, metal casing is joined to a housing 29 that itself is responsible for supporting antenna 11. Thus, since Sakurai does not teach a single structure that contains only one hollow area, supports an antenna, and also includes a tuner, Applicant submits that Sakurai does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Claims 11, 12, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai in view of United States Patent No. 5,907,793 to Reams ("Reams"). Since Reams does not overcome the deficiencies noted above with respect to Sakurai, Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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